

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A frame structure for partition walls-(P) of building rooms, comprising a plurality of substantially vertical and substantially horizontal elongate support members-(2), which are mutually connected at their ends to define a substantially rigid framework, at least one of said elongate members-(2) comprising a base profile-(3) which has at least one central portion-(4) adapted to define a housing-(5) for the peripheral edges-(R) of a partition wall-(P) and two end portions-(6) adapted to engage with lateral profiles-(7) for accommodating the peripheral edges-(R) of the partition wall-(P),
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said central portion-(4) is substantially parallel to and offset from a geometric plane-(G) defined by said end portions-(6), so as to increase the height of said housing-(5), while maintaining the same transverse dimension of said elongate support members-(2).
2. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~, at each of said end portions-(6), said base profile-(3) comprises a first appendix-(8) and a second appendix-(9), which face toward each other to define a corresponding shaped seat-(10).
3. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 2,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said first-(8) and second-(9) appendixes are disposed transverse to said geometric plane-(G).
4. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 2,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of said base profiles-(3) includes snap means-(11) at said shaped seats-(10) for engagement of said lateral accommodating profiles-(7).

5. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of said base profiles-(3) has a plurality
of holes-(12), for fastening thereof by screws-(13) on a partition wall-(P),
or on a wall of the building, or on the ceiling-(S) or floor-(F) of the room.

6. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ it further comprises one or more spacer
profiles-(14), adapted to mutually connect at least two adjacent panels
(A), being part of a partition wall-(P), each of said spacer profiles-(14)
having two symmetric portions-(15) substantially equal to said base
portions-(3).

7. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 6,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said symmetric portions-(15) of each of said
spacer profiles-(14) are disposed with their respective geometric planes
(G) in substantially parallel positions.

8. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 7,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of said spacer profiles-(14) is
positioned horizontally between two adjacent panels-(A), with the latter
being in a vertically superimposed relationship, or between a partition
wall-(P) and the floor-(F) and/or the ceiling-(S) of the room.

9. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 7,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of said spacer profiles-(14) is
positioned vertically between two partition walls-(P), or between a
partition wall-(P) and a wall of the building.

10. (Currently Amended) A structure claimed in claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said elongate support members-(2) include
at least one upper horizontal profile-(16) and at least one lower horizontal
profile-(17) for supporting a sliding door-(D), which is movable between a
closing position and an opening position.

11. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 10,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said upper horizontal profile-(16) has a central portion-(4") and at least one end portion-(6"), which are substantially equal to the corresponding central portion-(4) and end portion-(6) of said base profile-(3).

12. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 11,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said upper horizontal profile-(16) further has a third appendage-(19), which protrudes along a direction substantially orthogonal to said central portion-(4").

13. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 12,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ third protruding appendage-(19) has a rail-(20) for guiding one or more wheels or rollers-(21) whose axles are integral with the sliding door-(D).

14. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 11,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said upper horizontal profile-(16) further has a second central portion-(18), to enhance the rigidity of said upper horizontal profile-(16).

15. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 10,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said lower horizontal profile-(17) has a central portion-(4") and at least one end portion-(6"), which are substantially equal to the corresponding central portion-(4) and end portion-(6) of said base profile-(3).

16. (Currently Amended) A structure as claimed in claim 15,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said lower horizontal profile-(17) further has a longitudinal cavity-(22), for accommodating a lower edge-(E) of the sliding door-(D).